Use of Monkey in Sunglasses Tests

1705. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that manufacturers of sunglasses use monkeys for conducting tests which are quite brutal;

(b) whether it is a fact that monkeys are exported from India for this purpose: if so, the details thereof; yearwise; and

(c) the measures Government propose to take to stop the export?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Government of India is not aware of use of monkeys for conducting tests brutally by the Indian manufacturers of unglasses.

(b) No export of monkeys is reported for this purpose;

(c) Export of monkeys is not permitted under Wild Life Protection Act.

Study regarding the worst Polluted cities like Delhi, Bombay and Calcutta by W. H. O.

1706. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to a WHO study, Delhi, Bombay and Calcutta are amongst the worst polluted cities in the world;

(b) if so, what are the WHO findings about the main sources of pollution and the extent of pollution caused by them; and

(c) what remedies, if any have been suggested by WHO and what steps are contemplated by Government to maintain the environment of these cities within reasonably healthy limits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) In a report of World Health Organisation and United Nations Environment Programme on "Global Pollution and Health", 1984, Calcutta Delhi and Bombay rank 18, 27, 37 respectively n the list of 54 cities taken up for monitoring in respect of Sulphur dioxide; and 6th and 4th and 13th respectively in the list of 41 cities taken up for monitoring in respect of pollution from Suspended Particulate Matter. The major sources of pollution in these cities are vehicular pollution, domestic fuel burning and natural dusty conditions

(c) The steps taken to control pollution in these cities include the following:

(1) Emission standards have been prescribed.

(2) Ambient air quality standards have been evolved.

(3) A network of ambient air quality monitoring stations has been set up.

(4) Air pollution control areas have been notified.

(5) Environmental guidelines have been evolved for siting and operation of industries.

(6) Industries have been directed to instal necessary air pollution control equipment on a time bound basis.

(7) Fiscal incentives are provide for installation of pollution control equipment and shifting of polluting industries from congested areas.